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In re application of:
Subroto Chatterjee

Serial No.: 09/282,879

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Group Art Unit: 1633

For: RECOMBINANT N-SMASES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 1.97, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the USPTO the documents shown on the attached PTO-1449 form in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

Remarks

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed within three (3) months of the Filing Date or before the mailing date of the First Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner carefully consider and make of record each of the documents cited herein. Each of the documents cited were made of record in parent application Serial No. 08/774,104, filed December 24, 1996, from which application the present application claims priority. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), Applicant is not required to furnish copies of the cited documents, although Applicant will promptly provide copies of any of the cited documents upon the Examiner's request.

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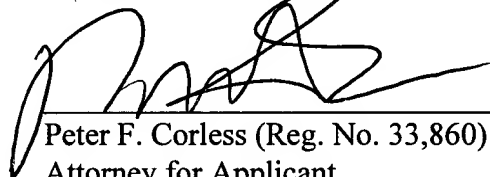


Neither Applicants nor their attorney makes any representation that more pertinent art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the art and will carefully consider the documents cited herein.

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Early consideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

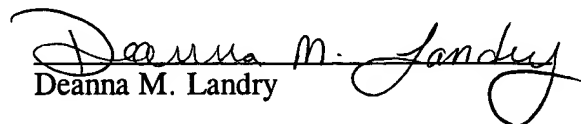


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